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Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Process for the Production of Multiple Cross-Linked Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives**, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed
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